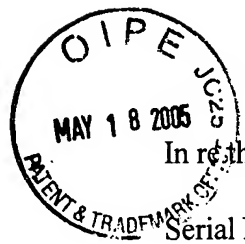


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Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on December 15, 2003. A copy of the IDS is attached hereto.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanies the IDS, marked to indicate that the references listed therein have been considered by the Office.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions concerning this Request.

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Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. One copy of each of these documents is attached along with a European Search Report.

No fee or certification is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to the issuance of a first official action on the merits in the above-identified patent application.

The above information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention. See 37 CFR 1.104(a) concerning the PTO duty to consider and use any such information. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record therein and appear on the first page of any patent to issue therefrom.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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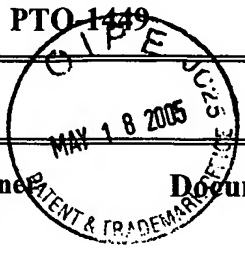
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